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Chairwoman Hartley, and Chairman Stephen Dargan, Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, My name is Scott Wilson Sr. I am the current President of Connecticut Citizens Defense League. We are a 2nd Amendment Rights Organization that advocates for the rights of gun owners, and also preach responsible and safe gun ownership for Connecticut citizens.

I currently reside in New London, CT, and I am testifying in **Opposition to:**

- 1) *HB 5800 "an Act Requiring Registration of All Firearms"*
- 2) *SB 42 "An Act Concerning Gun Safety Standards for Firing Ranges"*

I am also testifying in **Support of:**

- 3) *HB 5263 "An Act Authorizing Renewal of State Permit to Carry Pistol or Revolver by Mail"*
 - 4) *HB 5270 "An Act Authorizing Renewal of State Permit to Carry a Pistol or Revolver by Mail or Electronic Submission"*
 - 5) *HB 5643 "An Act Concerning the Carrying of Firearms by Out Of State Residents"*
 - 6) *SB 547 "An Act Concerning Firearms". -- To revise the applicability of the statute regulating the sale, delivery and transfer of handguns and to modify the definition of assault weapon.*
 - 7) *SB 554 "An Act Concerning the Pistol Permit Appeals Process"*
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HB 5800 would be tremendous burden for law abiding gun owners, which compel them to adhere to a cumbersome and also a seemingly unforgiving process. I personally feel that this Bill is designed to make gun ownership less desirable and more difficult, and it also treats otherwise law abiding citizens of Connecticut, that go to work, pay taxes and take care of their families like criminals before the fact. This is not a type of law that would be good or fair for residents of Connecticut.

Also, the cost associated with a registration system would undoubtedly be incalculable based the history of long term registration schemes. I cite a well known one in Canada. According to Sheila Fraser (the *Auditor General* assigned to monitor the process) their plan was estimated initially to cost approximately **Two-Million dollars** after registration fees were added into the equation. With great fervor the Canadian Government pursued its goal of registration and the final cost estimates for their plan ballooned to more than **One Billion dollars** in five years time. Based on the potential for high costs, I suggest that Connecticut use its tax dollars for the purposes of reducing the deficit, and keeping appropriate penalties in place for Convicted Criminals.

I would also like to focus on SB 554, An Act Concerning the Pistol Permit Appeals Process. As the President of CCDL, I receive countless direct emails from people all over the State seeking reasonable due process to obtain their permits after being denied by their local issuing authorities. Many of these people are baffled as to being denied in the first place. It is not only very frustrating for them, but also not within what I believe to be the spirit of Due Process. I will add that there are currently no consequences or repercussions for these municipalities that may arbitrarily deny pistol permits. Many towns and cities are essentially unfriendly to those seeking to exercise their rights defined not only in the US Constitution, but our very own Article I section XV in the Connecticut Constitution.

I want to thank the Public Safety and Security Committee for hearing my testimony, and to it's consideration of my heartfelt words.

Sincerely,
Scott Wilson
President CCDL, Inc

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